



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Impressions of My First Bishops' Council

BY JOSEPH TERLIZZI

EASTWARD Ho!

Leaving Los Angeles, Calif., with Brother Carl Woodal and friends, we motored across country to attend my first Bishops' Council and General Assembly of the Church of God. After days of travel and visiting a few churches and friends along the way, I finally arrived in Atlanta, Ga., with Brother David Lemons, Monday morning, October 9, 1939, for the opening of the 34th annual session of the Council of Bishops.

In the lobby of the large city auditorium one could hear the shouts of "Praise the Lord," "Amen," "Hallelujah," as friend greeted friend. Faces beamed with happy anticipation. Smiles were plentiful all around. No one seemed to be a stranger. We were directed to an upper room three stories high where the Bishops' Council was to be held the first day. I thought of another "upper room gathering" centuries ago.

The session opened with devotional service. The religious fervor, the spirit of worship, was very touching. One could feel the presence of the "Great Shepherd" of the sheep in the midst. I was seated in session with ministers of the gospel, the majority of whom I had never met before, yet I felt I had always known them. The simplicity, coupled with intelligence, with which the deliberations were carried on impressed me very much. The different opinions and convictions expressed relative to the various recommendations were made with the spirit of tolerance, respect and due considerations. On some things we agreed to disagree and not be disagreeable. The final decisions,



however, were always unanimous.

Our General Overseer, J. H. Walker, with his winsome personality, calm and deliberate manner and fairness, impressed me as a leader of real executive ability in the administration of the affairs of the Church.

Assistant General Overseer, R. P. Johnson, is a citadel of spiritual strength, a father in Israel. The gentleness, wisdom and spirituality of these leaders impressed me deeply.

Rev. E. J. Boehmer, re-elected for the twentieth time as General Secretary and

Treasurer, revealed his trustworthiness, his efficiency, his devotions to the cause and his diligence to the task assigned him. With Paul he may well say, "I magnify my office."

Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, Superintendent of Education, is so important in his position that none would consent to his assignment or promotion to any other important position that might be clamouring for his services. It is the consensus of opinion that there is in the Church no more efficient and effective servant of the Church.

The position of the Editor and manager of the Publishing House becoming vacant, the choice of Rev. E. L. Simmons was the providential leadings of God. He appealed to me as a man that is practical, progressive, farsighted, courageous and cooperative with every interest of the Church. I am of the personal opinion that he will help bring about a new era in the history of the Church of God.

Last, but not least, the splendid body of bishops as a whole appeared to be men of consecration, courage, vision and deep piety.

After hearing the report of the many thousands of new members added to the Church in the past year, it deepened my conviction that the common people in the world are hungry for the gospel of Him who was called the carpenter of Nazareth and the peasant of Galilee. Let the Church of God roll on.

The Council Session closed with a general feeling that the coming year will be the greatest in the history of the Church. We can truthfully say, "Hitherto hath
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Special Notice to Contributors

Please make your reports of revivals, conventions and your testimonies intended for these columns short and to the point. Let us be neighborly.—Editor.

To the preachers and churches of Maine: Our ministers' meeting will convene at Exeter Corner, Me., beginning the night of Nov. 10 and convening through Nov. 12. These people have observed Nov. 11 for years by an all-day meeting with dinner on the ground. All members and friends will be welcome on that date. Brother J. H. Walker, General Overseer, will be present for this occasion. We will try to outline our work for this Assembly year. All ministers from Massachusetts and other New England states on my territory are expected to be present.—Geo. M. Bloomingdale, state overseer, Gen. Del., Portland, Me.

To the ministers and laity of Montana and Saskatchewan, Canada: This is to notify you that I will get to each church as soon as possible. I desire to serve you in the best way possible. Any time you can suggest something that might help to promote this great cause, feel free to counsel with me. Don't forget to pray for me, and remember we are praying for you. We can make this the best year we have ever had. Will you help?—M. L. Lowe, state overseer, Bigtimber, Mont.

To the ministers and churches in Georgia: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I feel honored to have the privilege to work with the people of Georgia. Let our slogan be, "Over the top with Georgia." As soon as possible I shall make a "get acquainted" tour over the state, which will be one service for each district. This will be announced through the Evangel. I shall also notify each district pastor by writing them the date I shall come to their district.

I first thought I would move to Atlanta but later decided to move to Macon in the state parsonage. For the time being my address will be Macon, Ga., Box 423.

Remember, pastors, we decided when we met at the Assembly after my appointment to the state that we would raise our aged ministers' quota Oct. 29, so come on, each pastor, let's be one hundred per cent with Georgia.

Here is a report of the committee for the Y. P. E. and Sunday School in Georgia:

Each Sunday School please send to the state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent the first of each month tithes of Sunday School offering.

Also each Y. P. E. send the last offering in each month to the state superintendent of Sunday School and Y. P. E.

Each district overseer take an offering in each district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention for the state superintendent.

Each pastor take an offering at each visit of the state superintendent to apply on his expenses.

Also, state superintendent report each district overseer monthly.

Each district overseer be instructed to see that this plan is carried out on his respective district.

Also, that the state superintendent report to the chairman, G. R. Watson, monthly.

We further recommend if it becomes necessary for the committee to meet to adjust program of Sunday School and Y. P. E. their expenses be paid from the state mission fund. — G. R. Watson,

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Send in care of Church of God Publishing House.—E. L. Simmons, Chairman Orphanage Committee.

chairman.

All appointments made by Brother Jer-nigan will be recognized by me, unless I am thoroughly convinced in some instances a change needs to be made. We shall work according to this program outlined.

By the time you have read this in the Evangel I will have moved into the state of Georgia, to serve you to the best of my ability this Assembly year. — Earl P. Paulk, overseer of Georgia.

To the Y. P. E. and Sunday School in the colossal state of Georgia: Since being chosen as your state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent for this year, I hope we can be a help to you in some way, if you have a Y. P. E. and Sunday School or if you don't have. Please let me hear from you so I can furnish you with report blanks. We are expecting to begin touring the state in just a few days, so you can begin preparing for us. We will be at your church soon.

Y. P. E.'s, Sunday Schools and churches, let us bring the national banner to Georgia. What do you say? Well, we can do it if we will just start right in working "now." You will be receiving some in-

structions soon to set right in to work.

To the Y. P. E. and Sunday School functionaries and pastors, please send your reports in to me at Alma, Ga. by the 5th of each month. Come on, I will be expecting to hear from you.—State superintendent, Roy Douglas, Alma, Ga.

To my many friends everywhere: I am in a tent revival in Shelbyville, Tenn. Those wishing to get in touch with me, address my mail to Shelbyville, Tenn., Gen. Del.—C. E. Richard.

OVER THE TOP FOR AGED MINISTERS

The first two churches to report over the top in the aged ministers' quota are in Tennessee—LaFollette first, followed in two days by Jellico.

To the ministers and clerks of Virginia: My address will be 419 Elm Ave., S. E., Roanoke, Va.—W. E. Johnson, overseer of Virginia.

The state ministers' meeting for Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland and East Virginia will convene at Baltimore, Md. Nov. 13, 14, beginning at 7:00 p. m. All the ministers of these states are asked to attend this meeting to arrange the work of the year. We will have with us our Assistant General Overseer, R. P. Johnson.—W. J. Milligan, state overseer.

We are open for the Lord's work. We are two young boys out trying to win souls for God. I preach, sing and play the guitar. My helper plays the accordion and the piano. Please pray that we will get some place to go. Anyone desiring our help, write to Jack Truett, c/o Mary Ward, 620 W. Canal St., New Smyrna, Fla.

To whom it may concern: I am in the evangelistic work this year. If you wish to write me, my address is C. D. Henry, 528 Center St., Boswell, Pa.

Ministers' Conference

South Carolina—Nov. 9-10

Pennsylvania at Somerset, Penn.—Nov. 9-10

Maryland at Baltimore, Maryland, November 13-14

Virginia—November 15-16

Arkansas at Forrest City, Ark.—Nov. 17-19

Missouri at Cantwell, Mo.—Nov. 20-21

To whom it may concern: My address has been changed from 141 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia, Fla. to 2940 Church St., Ft. Myers, Fla.—W. H. Maxwell.

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Holy Steps

By H. L. Motsinger

Text: "Follow his steps," 1 Peter 2:21.

Our subject for consideration contains but two words, while our three-word text selected is closely related to the subject.

In the 2nd chapter of 1 Peter, we note that he was instructing Christians, saints of God, yes, all that were HOLY, to build upon Christ and to abstain from fleshly lusts.

In 1 Peter 2:21, 22 we read: "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should FOLLOW HIS STEPS: who did no SIN, neither was guile found in his mouth."

As a treatise on this subject and text with God's Divine Truths being our guide, we present four HOLY STEPS with simplicity.

STEP NO. 1. TALKING—

The scripture as quoted above plainly tells us that no guile was found in Jesus' mouth. Thank God, this means no deceit, no deception, nor falsehood. As we measure distance while journeying through life, let us be very cautious by PRAYING fervently to God that this step will be without guile and sin. Oh, that we might be as Peter says: "HOLY in all conversation and godliness," and, as Paul says in Philippians, Our conversation (or citizenship) is in heaven.

The Apostle Peter exhorts to godly conversation. 1 Peter 1:15. "But as HE which hath called you is HOLY, so be ye HOLY in all manner of CONVERSATION."

From the blessed Book let us mention some sins of the tongue. It is said: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so he is." Hence the heart, tongue, and conversation are closely connected.

Solomon in Proverbs 4:23, 24 tells us this: "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee." Again in Prov. 10:18 we read: "He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool." Solomon informs us that the words of a talebearer are as wounds. How true this is.

HOLINESS people should be exactly as Paul told the Ephesians. Eph. 5:1-3 in part: "Be ye followers of God, as dear children; and WALK in love as Christ also hath loved us . . . But fornication and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you."

Paul also informs us in the 3rd chapter of Colossians that if our life is hid with Christ in God, to put off anger, wrath, blasphemy, malice, and filthy communication out of our mouth.

James, that great servant of God, says: "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: . . . it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell."

No man has ever been able to tame or control the tongue, only God can, and the power from on high—the sweet HOLY GHOST.

STEP NO. 2. ACTIVENESS—

An active Christian is one that is endowed with power from on high, and lets the Spirit of God have His right of way. An active saint of God is not closed up like a clam in a shell but obeys the Lord, and as the Apostle Paul says: "Always abounding in the work of the Lord." An active Christian does not quench the Spirit, but is free to worship God in Spirit and in truth. Let come what may a Christian of this caliber is always on the firing line for God and right, and endures hardness as a good soldier for Jesus Christ.

Biblical references to men of God who were active:

"I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord," Micah 3:8.

"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only," Jas. 1:22.

James also states that a doer of the Word shall be blessed in his deed. Active Christians take the proper step by practicing pure and undefiled religion daily, thus: "To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world," Jas. 1:27.

"Be ye strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus," 2 Tim. 2:1.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a WORKMAN that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," 2 Tim. 2:15.

To make this active step more complete and accurate we conclude with these words in 2 Tim. 2:20, 21. "But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a VESSEL unto honor, SANCTIFIED, and meet for the master's use, and PREPARED UNTO EVERY GOOD WORK."

STEP NO. 3. DRESS—

One of the most sinful and shameful steps in life is in dress.

God help people to refrain from foolish, vain and immodest styles and fashions to which the worldly minded cater. Worldliness in dress is one way in which people manifest the pride of their hearts.

"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all

that do so are abomination unto the Lord." Deut. 22:5. Abomination means pollution, uncleanness, or sin.

In Ezek. 23:40 we read: "And lo they come: for whom thy didst wash thyself, paintedest thy eyes, and deckedest thyself with ornaments." This passage of scripture refers to unclean women and harlots.

Then over in 1 Cor. 11:14-20 we read that long hair is to a woman's glory, short hair to her dishonor and shame.

The devil so contaminates individuals by indecent dress that this step produces defilers of the flesh, filthy dreamers, brute beasts, and as the Apostle Peter says: "Walking after their own lusts." Nudist cults are springing up here and there supported by aristocrats and people of dominating influence.

God says dress in modest apparel. 1 Tim. 2:9: "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array." Pure and HOLY people wear decent apparel. Immodesty is nothing more than uncleanness and indecency. Take immodesty from our swimming beaches and they will go out of business. This indecent step of dress is so debauching and disgraceful to character that the devil would have you don no dress at all, send your soul to hell, and laugh at you as you go speedily in.

Why will professed Christians disregard the plain teaching of the Word of God on this STEP OF DRESS, and clad themselves in all the sinful pride and fashion of the world? One is being deceived who thinks he or she can continue to wear things which the Word and the Spirit of God forbid and then be a spiritual person filled with the grace of God. No, indeed. It is impossible.

1 Pet. 1:14 plainly tells us that God's children are to be OBEDIENT CHILDREN, not fashioning themselves according to the former lusts in their ignorance.

Lord, we pray for virtuous women, yes men, whose price is above rubies; for old-fashioned mothers who will dress as they did forty years ago when skirts were much longer, sleeves longer, hair longer, and marriage by far much longer.

STEP NO. 4. WALKING—

This concluding step in "FOLLOW HIS STEPS" completes the message towards attaining the final step to an abundant life. It is perfective 365 days out of the year. In Gen. 17:1 we are told that God appeared unto Abraham when he was 99 years old, and said unto him: "I am the Almighty God; WALK before me, and be thou PERFECT."

There is certainly a mutual love between Christ and His members. Jesus spoke to His disciples in John 15:17, 19 thus: "These things I command you, that

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Editorially Speaking

The Bible at the Front

FROM an editorial of the *Chattanooga News* dated October 21, we learn that thirty thousand pocket-sized Bibles are being printed for British troops. As quoted from the *Herald Tribune*, New York, each Bible will carry a message from the king, which is very comforting in its language to those of us who believe in the sacred pages.

The king's message reads: "To all serving in my forces, by sea or land or in the air, and indeed to all my people engaged in the defense of the realm, I recommend the reading of this book.

"For centuries the Bible has been a wholesome and strengthening influence in our national life, and it behooves us in these momentous times to travel with renewed faith to this divine source of confidence and inspiration."

The reading of the Bible is always timely, and even the more by those who are made to part from their friends and loved ones to defend their country. Perhaps many of those who never learned to depend upon the Word of God while their country was at peace, will in the time of national conflict, turn to it for help and find the way of salvation.

The Bible should be at the front in every conflict. It is, as it has ever been, the savior of civilization, of morals, and of individuals.

I am reminded of the story of Frankie George Davis and his part in the battle of Gettysburg, as he told it to me when I was but a lad. He had joined the Confederate army at the age of nineteen. As he left home his mother handed him a pocket Testament with the request that he at all times should keep it in his breast pocket. These words he never forgot, and when Lee's column of 15,000 marched upon Gettysburg, Frankie was with them with his Testament in his pocket. He was one of the great number to go down, but he was not killed. They took him to the hospital and upon examination found that the bullet, which otherwise would have penetrated the heart, had plowed through the Testament which changed its course and

caused it to tear the leaders from under his left arm. It left him a cripple, but the Word of God had saved his life. Frankie George Davis later gave his heart to the Lord and when he died he was still in possession of the bullet-plowed Testament that had saved his life and been the means of his soul's salvation.

Because the way was steep and long,
And through a dark and lonely land,
God set upon my lips a song—
And put a lantern in my hand.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path," Psa. 119:105.

Prayer and Politics

MUCH has been said and written lately about the prayer prayed by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, New York Episcopal rector, to which the President of the United States listened. Quite a few senators have dragged it into politics on the grounds that the rector prayed for the king of England. The objectionable prayer was as follows:

"O Lord, most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favor to behold thy most gracious sovereign, Lord, King George; and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit that he may always incline to thy will and walk in thy way; endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant him in health and wealth long to live; strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies, and finally after this life he may attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The circumstances of the prayer certainly has something to do with the prayer. This occasion was the dedication by Mr. Wilson of the Bible which King George, as a memento of his attendance of the Hyde Park church last year, had presented to the church.

Regardless of one's feeling for different churches, of his tolerant or intolerant spirit, it remains that the rector of Hyde Park church was within the teachings of the Bible when he prayed for the rulers. 1 Tim. 2:1, 2, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

It would certainly not be amiss for every true Christian to pray for our president and other national officials, that they may so conduct the affairs of state as to keep us at peace with the world.

Quiet Church A minister was recently driving through the city to an appointment. As the car drew near a large church there was in the middle of the street a sign QUIET, CHURCH. The minister's small son read the sign aloud and then commented, "I guess it is a quiet church."

Noise is not religion. True Christianity is proven in obeying the Word of God, but when the apostles of our Lord obeyed His command and tarried at Jerusalem until the promise of the Father came, their obedience was climaxed with shouting, rejoicing and praises to God. The Spirit also testified through them in another language. That church was by no means a quiet church.

HIS BANNER OVER ME

Surrounded by unnumbered Foes,
Against my soul the battle goes!
Yet though I weary, sore-distressed,
I know that I shall reach my Rest:
I lift my tearful eyes above,—
His Banner over me is Love.

Its Sword my spirit will not yield,
Though flesh may faint upon the field;
He waves before my fading sight
The branch of palm—the crown of light:
I lift my brightening eyes above,—
His Banner over me is Love.

My cloud of battle-dust may dim;
His veil of splendor curtain Him!
And in the midnight of my fear
I may not feel Him standing near:
But, as I lift my eyes above,—
His Banner over me is Love.

—Gerald Massey.

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To the New Pastor

You are now entering on your new charge. You have left the problems of last year all behind. Your slate has been wiped clear for another new beginning. The problems and people who burdened or tried you last year are now in the hands of another. The mistakes and failures of last year, too, you may put in the past. Thanks for that. Of course, you have many recollections of things sacred and happy; triumphs, victories and successes gained, and the more of these you can look back to, the more satisfactory will your life and ministry be as you travel on.

Now for the new year you are entering. To succeed and make the best of your opportunities, should be your great purpose. Someone has said that a man never rises higher than he aims. There is a vision every true gospel minister must have. You must look to that vision, aim high. Never be satisfied with past or present achievements, keep looking for higher heights and greater things, even to the end. The highest point in Elijah's eventful life was the "taking off" place where he mounted the chariot of fire for the glory land.

First, let us remind you that your most important task is with yourself. What you *are* and the degree of the *grace of God you possess* determine what your ministry will be. You must be an example of that life into which you expect to lead others. The great apostle said, "The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits," 2 Tim. 2:6. The more perfectly you live the life yourself, the easier it will be to teach it to others. And this is your chief business, to get men to God, and to get them established in the way of salvation. A parrot, or even a machine, can be made to speak out orders, but the gospel preacher must do more than that, he must demonstrate by his walk and spirit and works that life which, through the gospel, he demands of others. A good teacher is a good practitioner.

Second, you should profit by the failures and mistakes of last year. If you have been too harsh, or critical, or if you have discovered that you were too independent, made yourself, selfish interests, and preferences too prominent, therefore did not consider your brethren and coworkers as you should, you may profit by checking upon yourself. Get the rough edges and sharp corners ground off. Jesus sends no one to be a "driver" of the sheep, or to "lord" it over His heritage. It is only

love, kindness and patience that will win some. If you have been a "driver" and have driven some away, be wise enough to change your methods.

In regarding yourself for the new field of service before you, it will be profitable for you to make a thorough examination of your own heart, and of all your conduct. Such an examination is always in order. Far on the way, the Psalmist prayed, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts . . . and lead me in the way everlasting," Psal. 139:23, 24. It is a sacred and serious matter to be God's representatives among men. The life of the gospel messenger should ever be such that he stands approved before God and man.

Third, you should profit, at least some, by the mistakes made by the man whom you are following. If he has left a divided church, then it is your task to unite it. If he has innocently, ignorantly, or otherwise wounded some members, then you should heal them. The unfavorable and unpleasant conditions he has left behind, you are sent to remedy. And whatever good he has accomplished you are to take up and carry on to a higher degree of progress.

Fourth, you must remember that you are not there merely to draw your pay and get a support for yourself and family, unless you are just a time server, but you are there to represent the great Head of the Church, and to do His will in carrying forward His great soul-saving plan, and if you are true to Him He will bless you and supply your every need.

In conclusion we give you the following encouraging words from a mighty man of God who has gone on to glory: "He that doeth the will of God shall abide forever," and the same scripture is equally true, the work which is done in the will of God shall abide forever. We make God our own by loving Him better than we love our life, and we make His work our own by putting a value on it far beyond any plan or work of our own. The true worth of any word, or sermon, or song, or book, or building, or mission, or donation, or prayer, depends exactly on how much of Christ there is in it.

A little thing, with God's purpose in it, has a strange, abiding, persevering life, that will survive a thousand great showy things that look for a time as if they would fill the world. When we know that we are working for God, with a pure, unselfish motive to please Him, and feel assured that He calls us to do that work,

and is standing behind us in the work, we are practically invincible against discouragement, for having died to self, the whole enterprise is identified with the Lord. Such a soul may be without means, without friends, and loaded down with infirmities, persecutions and seemingly unsurmountable difficulties; and have to plod on in obscurity, or shame, or reproach, or poverty, for years; and have inward assaults from Satan, but that secret, fathomless assurance, that is working with God, and for God, fills it with a bright, quiet immortality or perseverance. The greatest part of a good work is always out of sight, where the soul is working with God in holy prayer and purpose."

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever," Dan. 12:3.

One Thing We Know

One thing we know, and ought to know it better and better, that if we are in perfect union with God, loving Him above every other love, and seeking to please Him above every other pleasure, all of His established laws, and then all of His interferences in creation, or in grace, will be for our good, our most tender protection, and for our highest advancement.—G. D. Watson.

The Holy Ghost Reveals the Things of Christ

"He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you," John 16:14. The Holy Ghost, the Comforter, takes all the truth which Jesus has revealed of God by word or doctrine, and applies it by a powerful inward manifestation to the heart of the believer.

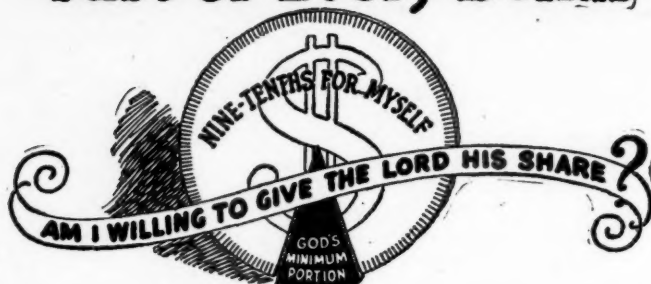
The Christian should learn early to distinguish between the spiritual depression that comes from physical causes, as in Elijah's case (1 Kings 19:4) and that which arises from real spiritual desolation, as in David's case. Psalms 102:4.

To continual watchfulness and prayer ought to be added continual employment. For grace fills a vacuum as well as nature, and the devil fills whatever God does not fill.

Satan does with sinners what the Philistines did to Samson, first puts out their eyes, then makes them grind in his mill. God touches the eyes and the scales fall from them.

"To return good for good is human. To return evil for evil is brutal. To return evil for good is diabolical, but to return good for evil is divine."

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

BY H. L. KING

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings," Mal. 3:8.

Malachi, one of our precious old prophets, inspired by the great God, with a spiritual eye, looked down through the ages even unto this day and asks this question of our text, "Will a man rob God?" He distinctly answers it by saying, "Ye have robbed me . . . in tithes and offerings." In the ninth verse he says, "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation," yes, this nation, this beautiful and fair land of America that God created for us to live in. And not only America, but all nations were made by the hand of God. Without the great God none would have existed. Then we wonder why man is so disobedient to God, failing to obey.

The nations have brought all the troubles upon themselves—wars, famines, pestilences, and many different things we will not mention. Disobedience to God has brought all the heartaches and sorrow that we have ever known.

Many different plans have been made by man to bring back prosperity to our country. We find our cities filled with liquor stores. Many have said this will bring back prosperity. We want to say that this country nor any other country can drink itself to prosperity. God is not pleased with man's disobedience.

The only way we can expect the blessings of God, both spiritual and temporal, is to only do as He has commanded us to do.

Here is a question every individual should ask, "Will I rob God?" Listen, brother and sister, this is Bible. This puts us in a close place, "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord," Lev. 27:30.

Now the tithes belong to God; yes, even of the fruits of the orchards, the seeds of the land, the corn, wheat, cotton,

potatoes, and all the vegetables, and it is holy unto the Lord. Then how can we stand in the presence of God if we keep that which is holy unto God? which He has plainly told us belongs to Him?

One man said to me, "I believe in paying tithes. I don't believe in paying just at any certain place. I believe in paying as the Lord moves, and give as I feel." This is not paying tithes, this is only offerings, one of the things that Malachi says we have robbed God in. We should always give in offerings as God moves upon us and He will bless us for it.

God requires one-tenth of our income as tithes whether it be money, farm products, or otherwise. Where and when shall we pay them? Someone says, "I just don't like the preacher that we have now. I'll pay my tithes to someone else."

Listen, preacher religion doesn't save anyone. The place for us to pay our tithes is at the church where our membership is. If the preacher doesn't preach to suit us, we will probably find that there is something wrong in our life that we need to make right with God, which will be our duty to do and stand by our pastor with our prayers and finance. The preacher will feel much more encouraged and we can enjoy our salvation much better. God can work and lost souls will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Then Paul tells us when we should pay our tithes. "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come," 1 Cor. 16:2. Now as we go to church on Sunday we should be prompt to pay our tithes as God has prospered us. Remember every thing that we have comes from God.

David said in Psalms, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein," Ps. 24:1. Remember whatever we have God has prospered us with it, whether it be a job or a crop. If we fail to pay our tithes we may get laid off our jobs; the devourer may devour our crops, if we fail God.

Someone may say, "I can enjoy the blessings of God just as much and not pay tithes." But listen, brother, even before the law Jacob found it necessary to pay tithes and I am persuaded to believe that he found this real food for his soul. I believe he was able to shout the blessings of God more.

"And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God: And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee," Gen. 28:20-22.

We find that the most loyal and God-fearing people of that dispensation were tithe payers. We thank God because He has always had a people that have been loyal. Today we find many people that are loyal and receiving God's blessings, while we find many seemingly are afraid to trust God. They will not pay tithes. They say, "I just don't make enough to pay. My earnings are so small." We are serving a great God and if they would only give God His tenth, which is holy unto the Lord, God would bless them more and this world could be evangelized.

Think of the many poor lost souls who need this gospel. God is going to require something more of this people than just to get saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and just sit down. He is going to require some works along with our faith. James says that our "faith without works is vain." Tithing, we believe, is some of the works to which James was referring. Tithes and offerings are God's plan of financing the Church and the gospel of our Lord and Savior. He made a perfect plan, nothing was left undone.

Jesus, while filling His mission here on earth, taught tithing. We find in the New Testament, in Luke's gospel, "But woe unto you, Pharisee! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone," Luke 11:42. Jesus tells the Pharisees that they ought to have paid their tithes. It was right for them to do so. Sure, it is right for every one to do so today.

What would happen to the Church today if everyone should quit tithing? What happened when Israel quit? Read the thirteenth chapter of Nehemiah. The priests and the Levites had to leave the service of the Lord. The singers had even fled. Dear brother, sister, let us feel as Nehemiah when he was rebuilding the wall. We are doing a great work and we can't come down. May every one feel the need of being more loyal, so when Jesus shall appear in the clouds we can rise to meet Him with joy and peace.

News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

Missionaries at the 34th Annual Assembly

By JOHN P. KLUZIT

Missionary to Haiti

Praise God for this wonderful 34th Annual Assembly that has just closed another blessed year of our Church history and opened up another. Last year was our first attendance at these great convocations of The Church of God and we've been praising God ever since for the unforgettable experiences of that time. Often on the field in Haiti, I remembered those touching times of Christian fellowship—that silently clasped hand, that spoke of a burning heart behind it that was bursting with love and a sympathetic understanding, and that explained better than words could possibly do those warm tears that coursed down the cheeks and that embrace from a brother in the Lord which told of a kinship whose bonds were sealed in the blood of the Lamb. Glory! Hallelujah! for that brotherly love Christ puts into our hearts for each other when we become one in Him. As we drink of that fountain of love in Christ, each draught is sweeter than the one before. So it has been in my experience in the Assembly. This year's Assembly was better than the one before. God poured out such blessings upon us all that we could not contain the half of it, but were full and running over. Praise His holy name!

The brothers and sisters at the Assembly would come up to us, one after another, with shining faces and say, "You're Brother Kluzit and Sister Kluzit from Haiti, aren't you? We've been following your articles in the Evangel and we've been holding on to the Lord for you folks—God bless you! And here is your little native girl from Haiti—Sister Eupena! We know her from Brother Paul H. Walker's pictures of the mission field. Bless her heart! We are so glad to see you dear people again and especially of seeing this precious sister." We went through one scene after another that will live long in our memories—as we were taken to their hearts amid tears on all sides. Such love among God's children must make the angels in heaven rejoice. God has blessed us with such tastes of divine joy in this year's Assembly that are truly preparations for that greater Assembly when we shall be like Him and shall ever be with Him.

This 34th Annual Assembly was memorable from many points of view, but I would like to dwell upon the side of missions just now. Sister Pearl Stark was

present on behalf of Africa. When Bro. Stark was called to be with Jesus, there was a great heart-throb of sympathy that passed throughout our Church. Brother and Sister Stark had answered the call of God to bring the light of Jesus to heathen lands—had faced the enemy on the front-lines and then Brother Stark was given a still higher calling. Today he is with God above, but as Sister Stark so beautifully expressed it at the Assembly—his work lives on among those to whom he gave himself so unstintingly in darkest Africa. He had never been too tired to answer a call to pray with someone or to read the Word of God to hungry hearts in their own language. Brother J. H. Walker, our beloved General Overseer, the first day of the Assembly had given a touching tribute to Brother Stark's higher call to be with Jesus and had tendered for the Church our heartfelt condolences to Sister Pearl Stark.

One of the most beautiful services we have ever had was the missionary service that Sunday morning. At this time, Sister Stark told the story of how she and her beloved companion had worked hard on that field in Africa and finally how Brother Stark was stricken with fever. We could picture those long, weary nights and felt we were there ourselves with them as she so vividly portrayed the days and nights she was by his side without any other help. But God was there. They felt His divine presence and knew all would turn out for His honor and glory. He went to meet his Savior with a smile upon his lips.

As we viewed these touching scenes, our hearts went out to this brave couple that had left the comforts of home, the ties of mother, father, sister and brother, and the loving fellowship of the saints, to

cross the briny deep to bring Christ to the lost and dying in dark Africa. There was not a dry face in all that vast audience of more than 6,000 representatives of The Church of God from every state in the Union and from many foreign lands. Sister Stark feels strongly her place of labor for God is still in this part of Africa where the people speak Portuguese. Our hearts went out to her and our prayers will follow her where she labors for the Savior.

Brother E. W. Williams, chairman of the Mission Board, gave a short resume of the history of missions in the Church of God, and introduced the missionaries who were present. Praises and thanksgiving were offered to God for the deliverance of Brother Lauster from the concentration camps in Germany, and prayers were raised to heaven for the safety of Brother Cook who had started on his way to the Assembly from India, but who had not been heard from since the middle of August.

Brother Paul H. Walker, Foreign Representative of the Mission Board, gave an interesting account of the work in the Bahamas, Turk's Island, Jamaica, Barbados and Central America. During the Assembly and at various state conventions, Brother Paul H. Walker had shown pictures of the various mission fields which he had visited this past year. Brother W. R. Franks and two other representatives from the Bahamas spoke and sang. Brother Bolivar DeSouza also gave a stirring greeting from the missions in Panama. Brother J. H. Ingram also spoke on the work in Mexico, how the Lord has been blessing the work and how this year an entire independent Pentecostal native church organization with thousands of members and a number of large churches were accepted into the Church of God. Brother Ingram introduced the overseer of this new work, Brother Ruesga, who spoke to us in Spanish, which was interpreted by one of his own party of ten delegates from Mexico. It was a real blessing to hear how God

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Church and mission kitchen at Kenskoff.

Church Head in Mexico Visits Assembly

J. H. WALKER, General Overseer

Rev. David G. Ruesga, General Superintendent of the CHRISTIAN NATIONAL CHURCH OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, an independent organization with headquarters at Mexico City, Mexico, was one of our distinguished visitors to our 34th Annual Assembly of the CHURCH OF GOD which convened in Atlanta, Georgia, October 11-15, inclusive. We were indeed glad to have Brother Ruesga and his party to visit us. His reports of the way that God has been blessing in the salvation of many lost souls and of the many opportunities God had made in reaching the needy people there were very interesting. Our hearts were greatly touched by the testimonies given by the different members of the group, and their special songs directed by our Brother Ingram were interesting and inspiring. Brother Ruesga assured us that he greatly enjoyed the Assembly so much. In fact, I think we just fell in love with each other. He has invited us to attend his next General Congress in Mexico City, so that all the many churches associated with him might also meet us.

The picture of the beautiful interior of the headquarters church that Brother Ruesga has is a credit to the worthy institution with which he is associated. The view here does not show much more than half of the building as there are six more large columns that cannot be seen in this picture. Also, in the rear of the building there is a large balcony seating



Rev. David G. Ruesga

many hundreds of people. Directly behind the pulpit is the baptistry, with its beautiful paintings. In 1936, when I, with Brother J. H. Ingram, visited Mexico and Central America, it was my happy privilege to meet Brother Ruesga and visit this commodious church edifice.

May God bless our Brother Ruesga and his party on their visit to America and we hope that they will come again. We wish to express our sincere thanks to our Mexican sister, Gladys Garcia, an evangelist of Houston, Texas, who served so faithfully as interpreter for the group.



Interior of Headquarters Church of the Christian National Church of the Assemblies of God, located at Mexico City, Mexico.

The Quiet Hour

L. P. ADAMS

Make much of the quiet hour. Seek to be alone with the Lord. In His presence is rest and healing. In the quiet retreat with Him soul rest is found. The perplexing things pass away when waiting before the Lord in silence. The calm of His presence banishes the troubling elements of the world. He speaks deep in the soul, "Peace, be still," and all is quiet and there is a great calm. It is the hour of refreshing and renewing the spirit of the mind. Rom. 12:1-2. It is found only in His holy stillness. Dew does not fall on a windy or cloudy night. It must be a calm, clear, starlight night for dew to distill and so the Holy Spirit does not appear so long as there is a blustering mind and a cloudiness of the human spirit.

The "wind of doctrine" does not bring rest and quiet to the soul. The clouds without water never pour out a refreshing on the soul. "Raging waves" of carnal agitation must cease and the "wandering stars" must set if the soul enters into the rest which Christ gives. Jude 8, 13; Matt. 11:28-30. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God," Heb. 4:9-11. "Be still and know that I am God," Psa. 46:10. Man's works, "the outward adorning," hinder the "inner robing of the Spirit," and interrupts the meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price. 1 Peter 3:3, 4. Sometimes prayer is hindered because we do not enter "into the closet and shut the door, and pray to the Father in secret," Matt. 6:5-8.

As we have traced the lives of godly men and women we have found that those who made much of the "quiet hour" knew most of the Lord and were used more effectively in His service to bless others. The early saints were so blessed with the Lord's presence the world took notice of them "that they had been with Jesus," Acts 4:13. It seems if God's people these last days would make more of the quiet hour in prayer, they would show more of Jesus and speak of Him to others with tenderest love. Then, too, they would live humble and speak often one to another in the fear of the Lord, and the Lord would hear and hearken, and draw near, and open the scriptures to them, Mal. 3:16, 17; Luke 24, their hearts would burn and joy would spring in their souls and they would be fully ready when He called to them from the air, "Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away," Song of Solomon 2:10-13.

All who purpose to be ready when the Lord shall appear, must draw aside and give some time to be alone with Him in the quiet hour in refreshing the soul in His presence. Acts 3:19, "Be ye therefore ready for in such a time as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

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Notes From My Letters

J. H. Walker, General Overseer

The cheers go to LaFollette, Tennessee, church for having paid the aged ministers' quota first this year. They started a circulation of a petition for donations on their new church, and just the first evening they received \$80.00.

May the Lord bless this church, and its loyalty for our aged ministers.

A letter received from Sister Margaret James in which she expresses how she enjoyed the General Assembly this year.

"Dear Brother Walker:

"I have been attending the General Assembly now for five consecutive years, and in these five Assemblies I don't know when I've enjoyed it more than I did this year in Atlanta. Such a sweet, kind spirit prevailed throughout the entire Assembly. I did not hear an ugly, unkind or hard

word from anyone about anyone, and everyone just seemed to love everybody. Every service this year seemed so much more interesting, and held one's attention clear through to dismissal time. The spirit, love and unity from the Assembly is still with me, and I felt like I just had to write you about it. I don't know when I've seen cooperation like I did this year, even to the musicians and song directors. Somehow, it has given me more zeal and enthusiasm to work for God harder this year than ever before. Here's hoping everyone feels as I do, even to our precious missionaries on the foreign fields.

"May God bless every member of the Church of God and inspire their hearts as I feel tonight.

"Sincerely,

"Margaret E. James,

"Coworker to Helen L. Morrow."

in the midst of four other denominations and creeds which were trying to root out the Church of God. We praise God for His Word in Matt. 16:18. The Master said, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." It is already planted and has taken root.

We sincerely ask the prayers of the saints for our help. Some are sanctified and need the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

We praise God for our dear pastor, N. Archer, who teaches many things we did not know about, such as feet washing, fasting and the Holy Ghost. We had two baptisms, one in February and the other Sept. 24. Six were baptized in the sea. There was preaching in the morning by Elder L. Higgin, pastor at Dry Harbour church. Elder N. Archer did the baptizing. At two o'clock there was an entertainment in order to help pay for a plot of ground in the midst of the district where we made a booth. Then on Monday, the 25th, we had fasting. At half past seven the Lord's Supper and feet washing were administered in the presence of a very large crowd. Our chief director of this little church is Brother Melvin McAnuff. During the Lord's Supper and feet washing two received the Holy Ghost and two were sanctified. Pray for this little church to rise and shine for the glory of God.—Benjamin Iarret, clerk, Lower Buxton, Brown's Town P. O.

BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

This Is Wonderful

SHOOTER, Jam., B. W. I.—I thank the Lord for keeping me saved. Dear readers, I have pleasure in sending to you this report about a wonderful baptism and unity fasting over in this district of Shooter. Thank God. On Sept. 24, 25, we enjoyed a very happy time in the Holy Ghost. Sunday morning prayer meeting was conducted by Evangelist S. Thomas, then at 5:30 the candidates marched to the riverside singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." A very large crowd of people followed us to the river. This was a wonderful gathering and the people stood still and listened as the Word of God went forth, thank God. Brother C. T. Johnson, pastor, baptized the candidates. This was a blessed and most beautiful morning. Thank God. At 9:00 o'clock we were back at the church for Sunday School. At 11:00 o'clock we had a wonderful sermon from our pastor. The Holy Ghost was upon him and this sermon made all the Christians see their responsibility.

At 7:00 o'clock we met again to praise the name of Jesus. We had a wonderful testimony meeting. This was one of the most willing testimony meetings I had ever seen. Certainly I can say the glory of God came down in the house. There was a spiritual awakening with a mighty downpour of the power which could be seen on the faces of the saints. The glory of God was shining like glass in the sun.

At this time two souls went to the altar. Praise God.

Monday morning at 8:00 o'clock the saints gathered for fasting with the presence of our dear pastor and other ministers. The church house was full from one corner to the other with only the saints. One unsaved woman was found inside. Then from 9:00 o'clock we had many different speakers. When these blood-washed men and women began to speak under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost it was noised abroad. When the unsaved people heard the sound they came running to see what was happening. We could see them climbing up and looking over to see the people of God. Praise God. The glory was shining on the faces of the saints. Oh, this is wonderful, dear readers. We certainly have courage to press on. Souls have been saved. Thank God.

Dear readers, please pray for us over here in Shooter that we may be faithful workers. Also pray for our dear pastor, Elder C. T. Johnson, that God will use him in His own way and that he may have understanding enough to feed the Church of God and get people prepared until Jesus comes.—Estella Wattes, clerk.

Our little church at Lower Buxton, Browns Town, St. Ann, Jam., B. W. I. was set in order August, 1938, with twenty-seven members—twenty women and seven men—under hard persecution and

TROY, Tenn.—After many months of delay I praise God through the Evangel as I have felt many times I should. I praise God for His great love He has shed abroad in my heart many years past and today finds me still saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost, although we are carried through the valleys and it seems we have to walk alone.

Seven months ago I was stricken down with my nerves. Our dear Brother Smith and wife held on to God for me, also God provided a way that Brother Worley, our district pastor, should happen by to pray for me. God touched my body in a wonderful way, but for some reason I am not completely healed, so I am now asking all Church of God readers, and especially Brother Rouse, to pray the prayer of faith that my body will be completely healed and I will be restored to my normal state of mind as I realize our blessed Savior is the same as in Bible days.

When I was stricken with this affliction I weighed about one hundred seventy to one hundred eighty pounds. Now I weigh only one hundred forty-five pounds, not able to do my housework most of the time. I want to be a living witness for God and His healing power. After all doctors fail God is able to completely heal. I am the mother of seven girls and I want to live to raise them up

for the Lord. I am not a member of the Church of God, but believe it is right and its government is not grievous. Letters of encouragement will be appreciated. Pray for Graves Chapel where we attend church.—Mrs. Lewis Ferguson, Rt. 1.

MARION, S. C.—I praise the blessed Lord for His great love to humanity. As He was passing this way I was near the meeting place called the mission and as the folks were singing and the Spirit moving on the hearts of mankind, the Spirit touched my heart and the next time I went to the door the devil said, "Don't go in." Sunday morning I went in and we had a testimony meeting. I could only ask for prayer and the Lord saved and sanctified me. I got so happy. Praise the Lord! Why I have not received the baptism I do not know, but I believe I shall get it. I have been in the Church of God for two years and we have a new building right at my door. If any preacher wants to enjoy his calling he can do so at Marion, S. C. I am so glad I found the Lord. Oh, how I do enjoy salvation. Praise God for His blessings! It is appointed unto man once to die, after that the judgment. For man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, for God is not mocked and whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. If we sow to the flesh we shall of the flesh reap corruption, but if we sow to the Spirit we shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Praise God! Once born, twice die; twice born, once die. Hallelujah! Praise God because I am saved and sanctified and on my way to heaven and want you to come with me. Pray for me.—Thomas M. Frier, 404 Spring St.

Victory in My Soul

NAYLOR, Mo.—I'm truly glad to report victory in my soul. I'm glad this plan of salvation keeps me saved and trusting in my blessed Savior each day. I'm away from church, alone. I get so hungry to hear the true gospel preached. I have been without the Evangel over a year, so I'm renewing my subscription, it is so much comfort. It brings the true gospel which is food to my hungry soul.

I was at Tylerville, Tenn., located out from Dyersburg a few miles. Brother Raymond Goodwine held a meeting in August. I was there one night. I surely did want to attend the meeting till it closed, I enjoyed that one night; had a good spiritual service. I wish some good Church of God preacher would come to Neelyville as there is no Pentecostal church there and it may be the Church of God could be established there. I'm the only member close that I know of. Pray for my children to be saved.—Mrs. Anna White.

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla.—Something

over a year ago while in the Anclote river I struck my right leg on a snag or oyster, inflicting a gash above the knee. After arriving at home with some difficulty, fever began to rise and the pain became so great I could not be still. Brother J. M. Baldree, my pastor, prayed for me and the pain eased, but came back again. After prayer again the pain ceased. The wound healed with scarcely a scar, we closed it with adhesive tape, but it left a growth and somewhat stiff knee. God has removed both. Praise His name! It pays to trust Jesus.—R. F. Pent, 515 Pent St.

WARRENTON, N. C.—I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. He means more to me than tongue can tell. I thank Him for saving me from sin, sanctifying me with His own blood and filling me with the sweet Holy Ghost. I praise Him for healing me of an abscess about a month ago. It seemed just as soon as one would get better another one would begin. The doctor was coming every day nearly, but was not doing me much good.

One Sunday night just about service time I thought God was ready for me. I called my husband and told him what to do with my children, that it was so sweet to die. I had suffered so long and so much I wanted relief. Two doctors came that night. They had just lanced one abscess and had a tube in it. I had another one over where that one was cut. Oh, I suffered so. The saints of God came in the next morning. One of the good sisters said, "Let's have prayer. I feel like it will do good." Although we had had prayer, it didn't seem we could get much result like we did that morning, but God came on the scene and wonderfully healed me. Oh glory, I can never praise Him enough. I desire the prayers of every saint of God who reads this that I might grow stronger and be more on fire for my Lord who has done so much for me.—Ella Vaughan, Rt. 1, Box 2.

God Is Still on the Throne

LEXINGTON, Ala.—This evening we are praising God for His great healing power. Just a few days ago our baby was taken very sick. We prayed for him and then sent for the saints to come and pray, but he seemed to get worse. He began having spasms and it looked as though he was nearing death's door. Oh, how we did agonize with God to spare his life. It seemed lonely to think of his being taken from us. Our home would have been vacant as he is our only child. We continued to pray and hold on to God and God came on the scene and touched his body. He began to improve and is still improving. Oh hallelujah! God is still on the throne. Everyone who reads this

please pray that God will completely heal his body.—Clyde and Mamie Holland.

YORK, S. C.—I praise God for good old time salvation, that which we can know about. For some time I've been wanting to write a testimony to the Evangel and praise God for His wonderful divine healing power. When I first started trying to trust God for the healing of my body I was taking medicine every day. I thought I had to but God showed me different. One day I sent in a request asking for prayer for more faith on divine healing, not thinking of ever hearing from anyone, but God spoke to Brother Moore of Alabama and he encouraged me to press on. He said not to take any more medicine, but just to trust in God. Well, I'm still trusting God, although the enemy works hard, but I mean to trust God by His holy help. Sometimes we can be a blessing to someone by just sending him a few words of encouragement.—Mrs. Henry Propst.

COLUMBIANA, Ala.—I praise God for His goodness and mercy to me. I thank each one of you for your letters and clothes and encouraging words. God has wonderfully come to my rescue and given me new courage. Oh, how I praise Him! My life is completely in His hands, I'm willing to live or die. God has saved one of my stepsons fifty-nine years old who was lightminded, and has taken the tobacco habit away from him and he is happy. I feel well and work all the time. I would like to write each of you separately, but just can't. I pray for you each day. It won't be long until we can live together forever. God bless and keep each of you for the soon coming of Jesus. Bless His sweet name!—Mrs. Maggie Smith, Rt. 1, Box 106.

WEST UNION, S. C.—I praise Jesus for His wonderful healing power. It is real and a personal experience to me. He has healed me of pneumonia and other ailments and my children of many things. About three weeks ago my baby had thrush. I promised the Lord if He would heal her, I would testify of it, and she is well. Praise His name. Last week my little girl, eight years old, came home from school sick with her head and her tonsils swollen and yellow blisters on them. I laid the "Healing Waters," Brother Rouse's paper, on her in Jesus' name and promised Him if He would heal her I would write a testimony, and thank God, she is able to go to school and I give Him the praise. Sometimes I think we don't praise Him like we should for the wonderful stripes He suffered for us. I thank and praise Him for seeing fit to lift me out of sin, sanctify and fill me with the precious Holy Ghost. I thank Him for our humble pastor and his wife,

Brother and Sister Watkins. They have been so good to come and pray with us in sickness. Pray for me and my husband to hold out faithful and our children to be saved before it is too late.—Laura Ball.

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SUNRAY, Tex.—I praise God for His goodness to us. He means everything to us. I am so glad He is our keeper and healer and soon-coming King. Last Saturday morning our little five-year-old boy fell and stuck the little part of the gas pipe that goes into the hose on a stove in the back of his head. It went in nearly an inch. When I went to him and saw what he did, I knew he couldn't last long. I began to ask God if it was His will to heal and He healed him. It has been over a week and he is feeling good; it never has pained him at all.

There were two women who came in to pray. They said it was a miracle that he was healed. It made them have more faith in God. People here couldn't understand about us calling on God to heal, but we know He is able to heal anything if we cry out to Him believing. I believe He wants His people to trust Him. If we don't, how is He going to manifest His healing power? Oh, I am so glad for Jesus and want to try to help the people of this little town to see He has salvation for everyone. There isn't but a few Church of God people here, but we have service. We believe God is going to give us more to help out in the work here. Pray for Sunray that we will stay in the will of the Lord.—Mrs. Alvin Brown.

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CROPWELL, Ala.—Praise my blessed Redeemer! I am glad for what I feel in my soul right now, at this perilous time, when so many are deceived and some are just thoughtless and careless about their souls. Oh, how I thank God for preparing my heart to accept the great truth when I heard it a little more than two years ago. He saved my soul, sanctified and gave me the blessed Holy Ghost which still abides. Glory to God! I've had trials, yes temptations, but through it all grace to overcome and peace which the devil can't disturb.

I wish to say to all those who prayed for my baby that God has answered the prayer of faith and healed her in a wonderful way. She hadn't been able to walk or even sit alone for nine weeks. She arose from bed four weeks ago Sunday morning, walking, and today you can't tell she has ever been afflicted. I wrote Brother W. W. Ball of Odum, Ga., a request for prayer on Friday before she was healed on Sunday. It is marvelous what God will do when we trust Him. I'm giving Him all the glory. Thanks to all who prayed, especially Brother Ball and Brother Rouse to whom I wrote personal requests. Pray for me that my life may be spent for the glory of God. When I see many who have

had a good experience with the Lord turning back I seem to see the Master's dear face and hear His voice as He said, "Will you also turn back?" Then my heart cries out as Peter of old, "Lord, to whom shall we turn? Thou hast the words of eternal life." There is nothing to turn back to, all is in the future. Let us hold on to God and redeem the time for it is short. The night is soon coming when no man shall work and how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?—Daphene Lee.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW, Ark. — Paul foretells the danger of a voyage to Rome in Acts 27:10. The night of Aug. 10 I was wakened from sleep seemingly as a watchman in church affairs. My wife and I were engaged in a conversation and we were consulting with some peculiar spirits when I awoke. But we were determined to go on, as it seemed. I got up the morning of the 11th and made mention to my wife. As I called her to me I said, Wife, I saw something last night that I don't understand. She began to inquire what I had seen. I told her I had seen some things that were hard for me to understand. I told her how we had met with some peculiar spirits and that I never had met with anything just like it. Wife remarked that the Lord knows all things. I had just closed a revival at Guion, Ark., and had promised my service for a revival at Lepanto, Ark. So when I got home from Guion I had received money for my expenses to Lepanto and at 2:00 p. m. Aug. 11 I started for Lepanto.

As I have no car I had to travel by rail or bus or get someone to take me. Everybody seemed to be enjoying the trip. Many remarks had been made as to how plans were to be made to make all connections. We were in a new '39 half-ton pickup; everything was in good shape as far as we knew. We were gliding along at about forty miles an hour when suddenly our left front tire blew out. As we were on a curve and a steep dump, also a concrete water passage at the bottom which ran under the road with a solid wing on each side all efforts to stop this car from being wrecked failed. We finally reached the bottom; the front axle struck the concrete butment. Wife was in the cab with the driver and his son. I was in the back with a young man when we stuck the concrete butment. Wife was thrown against the windshield, breaking her nose, knocking each cheek bone down next to her nose, cutting her face, bruising her knee, her thigh, both arms and her side. The driver and son both were badly bruised. I was standing up with both hands hold of a steel bow in a bed five feet two inches high with three steel barrows or bows. When we struck the butment I was thrown over the top of the bed and ten feet through the air and I

went head first, fell on my stomach in a good smooth place, but my breath was gone. Wife was bleeding, wringing her hands, and praying when I heard her voice, "Pray for me." I could hear, but couldn't get up. I finally succeeded in getting up. I was on one side of the car, my wife on the other, but when I got to where she was I was not able to pray much. I did my best in prayer. Her dress and her hat were all bloody with streams of blood falling from her face, but she was calling on God. God instantly healed her. By that time many highway travelers had stopped. When she began to dance and speak in tongues many seemed amazed. Her face has not given her any soreness or trouble. She is getting along fine. The devil tried to scorn her while in distress, but many believed.

This car was completely torn up, like the ship Paul was on, but no lives were lost, although much damage done, both to our bodies and the car. Paul's reply was, "Sirs, you should have hearkened unto me, . . . and to have gained this harm and loss," Acts 27:21. I don't know this to be the entire cause of my loss, but I have always felt my unworthiness to preach and such little we get for our labor. Many times we preachers, like many other folks, get discouraged and try to show our willingness to labor and work with our own hands, as I have this summer. I have tried to better my conditions by buying me a team of mules for farm work. I got both mules struck down by lightning, or at least it is believed by all to be so, and our loss on hogs has been four up to now. Our loss on poultry has been sixty-five head. I had to buy the third mule to make a hundred dollar crop. I never have felt that my preaching amounted to very much, but I do know I am a God-called servant. I, like Jonah, have started again. Pray for my success.—E. B. Moffitt.

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ANNISTON, Ala.—Greetings in Jesus' name! It has been quite a long time since I have written, but I want to sound a note of praise to the Lord for His love and mercy to me. Truly He is a great God, the only one who can bring joy and peace into our hearts. I am thinking of the camp meeting and Brother R. P. Johnson's wonderful sermons. They surely were inspired by the Holy Ghost. I have not heard such preaching in years. I said, "Lord, inspire me like that with the fire that every one can feel." Well, I left that camp meeting with more zeal and victory than I had felt for a long time, and I feel that all the other preachers did too, for they all seemed to feel as I did about it. God bless Brother Johnson and help him to preach the Word as he did in this camp meeting. I heard preachers saying that they felt like going to the altar. Some did go. God help us as ministers to

keep fire and love in our souls, get out of self, and get in God's will. I went to a church out in Clanton, Ala., for a revival just after the camp meeting. We surely had a revival. Ten received the Holy Ghost, eighteen were sanctified and twenty-two saved. God surely met us there. People came from all churches around. One Methodist preacher said it was the best meeting he had attended in years. I want everyone who reads this to pray for me as I go here and there preaching for I know the time is short and I must work while it is day for night is coming when no man can work.—Emma Newman, 1714 Walnut St.

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ATLANTA, Ga.—To my friends all over the world, I am so glad I was able to attend one more General Assembly of the great Church of God. I thank the Lord for all the dear kind friends. Please pray for me that I may be worthy of the goodness of the Lord. May God bless you the world over. Oh glory.

I am now out at Riverside Church of God, Brother G. R. Watson, pastor. If you want to learn about me, write to him or our General Secretary, Brother E. J. Boehmer, Cleveland, Tenn. If any of you need me, let me know. Write me or Brother Boehmer or Brother G. R. Watson. — Your old sister in Christ, Mary Lynch, Rt. 7, Box 214, c/o Allie Hill.

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Dear saints, I am glad I still feel victory in my soul today. We have been here in the West three and one-half years and I have been in Church of God services only a few times since we have been here, but praise the Lord, His guiding hand has kept and blessed me just the same. The closest Church of God is about three hundred miles away and there are only two members in this town—brother and I, but we pray and the Lord answers our prayers.

Praise the Lord for His power that can keep us in a place like this for He has been so good to us, and, Brother Latimer, we surely are thankful for the editorials that have been so much help to us. We haven't a preacher here to preach to us but we can read the Evangel and get food for our souls.

We hope for a church here sometimes. Please pray for this place and that we will do the will of the Lord.—Mrs. Howard Ballew, Orland, Calif.

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SWANSEA, S. C.—Dear Evangel readers, I promised the Lord if He would heal my body I would testify of it. The doctor said I had a fallen stomach and something wrong with my lungs. I weighed only eighty-four pounds. I requested prayer in the Evangel and got an anointed cloth for husband and me to be healed and live closer to God. In seven weeks' time I weighed one hundred nine pounds and the doctor said I was O. K. My husband

has done fine and has a good position in the mill.

Since then my side has given me lots of trouble. The doctor says it is my liver. Please pray for me to be completely healed and be faithful until Jesus comes or calls.—Mrs. W. L. Peele.

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ARCADIA, Fla.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I am still trusting and praising God for answering prayer and for what He means to me. Some time ago I sent in a request for prayer for the healing of my entire being and I am praising God for answering prayer. I believe He has healed me. Also, Mrs. Joe Jones is healed of rheumatism in her arm and Mrs. Jessie Westberry is better. I thank all who prayed for us and sent anointed cloths. Oh glory! My Savior is so real and so very dear to me.

Remember me in prayer that I will stay at the precious feet of Jesus pure and holy, humble and lowly, ready to go with Him when He comes or calls for me.—Florida A. Smith, Rt. 1, Box 199.

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OAKMAN, Ga.—I praise the Lord for healing my body. I was in bed and three doctors said my condition was critical. But thank God, Brother T. P. Puckett of Toledo, Ohio, came and prayed for me. The Lord healed my body and I am well and able to do my work. I am going to church after twenty-one days in bed. Praise His holy name. I give God the praise for what this means to me, for I have five little children to care for.—Bulah Williams.

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HURRICANE, W. Va.—I praise my great Redeemer for what He has done for me. I praise Him for touching my body. I know He has touched me. I thank and praise Him for a people who can really get hold of God in prayer. Thank God! I love Jesus and have no other desire in my heart but to serve Him. I believe in the great power of God that can and does heal our bodies. Pray for me that I'll be faithful.—Mrs. J. L. Criner, Rt. 1, Box 57-A.

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ELIZABETHTON, Tenn.—How I do thank my dear Redeemer for what He means to me. I often think of the time and place Jesus saved me by His wonderful grace. How sweet it is to know we are saved and ready to go to that home Jesus has gone to prepare for us.

I often think of how those disciples were when Jesus began to tell them of His going away and leaving them in this cold-hearted world as He had led them along and had been so near to them at all times. I can see them by an eye of faith as He lead them out as far as Bethany, and He was instructing them what they must do. He lifted up His hands and blessed them and was parted from them and carried

up to heaven. They worshipped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God until the promise came upon each of them and they began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. This is what the devil hates so badly—the tongues.

About fourteen years ago Brother W. E. Brewer and Sister Brewer of West Virginia came to New Thacker, W. Va., where we were living at that time, and conducted a revival. We began to attend. One night as Sister Brewer delivered the message her text was, "Come and see a man which told me all things that ever I did. Is not this the Christ?" I can never forget that night for something got hold of me and I went to the altar and poured out my heart to God. How I thank God for them; they were so faithful in the work. Please pray much for us here as the devil is roaring all around us and saying many hard things about us, but we are still trusting God for we know if we live godly we shall suffer persecutions. Pray that God will lead us on.—Mrs. Allen Richardson, Rt. 2.

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MANATEE, Fla.—I praise God for His goodness and mercy to me. I'm glad I am saved, sanctified and the good Holy Ghost abides. It is so wonderful to live for God; I can never praise Him enough for what He has done for me. He gave me the blessing ten years ago last May; I have been trusting God for both soul and body ever since and He has healed me many times and stood by me through many trials and temptations. I find in His Word that He said He would never leave nor forsake us and I have found it true with the many other promises in His Word. I love the Evangel; it is food to my soul to read it. I surely enjoy the good sermons and testimonies in it. I remember one day my little girl was sick with a cold. She was breathing so hard. I laid the Evangel on her in the name of Jesus and she was instantly healed.

I also praise God for the revival my husband was in at Punta Gorda, Fla., which closed Sunday night. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. There was a goodly number saved and sanctified, I don't know how many, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, eleven baptized in water and fourteen added to the church. There were people there who never went to a holiness meeting before. There were many seekers in the altar every night. It rained lots, which hindered some, but there were some who came through the rain. The revival closed with twenty-two seekers in the altar. We surely love the good people of Punta Gorda; they surely like the Word of God. We love the good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister F. C. Norris, they gave us a warm welcome with them.—Mrs. A. N. Daniel.



PRAY FOR:

Me to get closer to the Lord; the healing of my body; my loved ones.—F. E. Newby, Rt. 2, Cairo, Ga.

Sister Martha Womack to get saved; her husband; other requests; me to get closer to the Lord.—Ben Jones, Rt. 2, Toccoa, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Albert Ferrell, Branchland, W. Va.

The church at Hubball, W. Va.; God to move upon hearts and bring them in or move the hindrance in some way; the healing of my body and eyes.—Mrs. Dora Ferrell, Branchland, W. Va.

The healing of my eyes; me to get closer to the Lord.—Miss Arlona Ferrell, Branchland, W. Va.

Brother Sam Cannon, Cherry Valley, Ark. to be healed. Anointed cloth will be appreciated.—Mrs. R. G. Anderson, Cherry Valley, Ark.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure; my hearing and eyesight to be restored; my father's health and speech to be restored and that he will become a Christian; my sister to be healed; my brother to get salvation; his wife to receive the Holy Ghost; their children to be saved.—Martha Fowler, Mount Gay, W. Va.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure and rheumatism.—Laura Adkins, Harts, W. Va.

My deaf and dumb child to be healed.—Russell Stalling, Shively, W. Va.

The healing of my little thirteen-year-old girl of insanity; me and my family to become Christians.—Cora Butcher, Shively, W. Va.

My unsaved wife to return to me and get a deep experience of salvation.—Bill Miller, Mount Gay, W. Va.

I am down in body and need prayer for my physical and financial needs.—P. W. Hackney, Rt. 2, Blountsville, Ala.

The healing of my body which is in a serious condition.—J. H. Brooks, Liberty, Miss.

Me to be healed of nervous indigestion and head trouble; unspoken requests; my unsaved father, brothers and sisters to be saved; my home and family to be more Christlike; God to heal my brother's little girl of infantile paralysis.—Mrs. Katy Farmer, Rt. 2, Mt. Airy, N. C.

Me to be stronger; a dear friend who is very low with cancer to be healed; her husband to receive the Holy Ghost. Anointed cloth and letters of encouragement appreciated. Her address is Mrs. T. W. Yates, Marvell, Ark. — Mrs. Ruby Barnes, Marvell, Ark.

God to completely heal me of something like fits; my faith to be sufficient.—Daymon Branscome, Rt. 3, Box 45, Hillsville, Va.

Our revival; special unspoken request.—Martha Preece, evangelist, Louisa, Ky.

Special request; my Grandmother Hicks to be healed of a very badly ulcerated stomach; my two unsaved brothers to be saved; the young saints at Massey Line to stand true.—Miss Ruby Dollars, Star Rt., Pinson, Ala.

Me to have complete healing and victory over sin; my self-righteous daughter to get right with God; one of my sons who is out in the world giving me a lot of trouble to be saved; another son who is seeking the Lord; and another son who is in the CCC camp.—Mrs. Eunice Holt, Sumner, Ga.

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YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Headline in Evangel: Cheer One Another. Be a Blessing and a Sunbeam Instead of a Cloudy Day.

Editorial in Evangel: Everybody will want to know how many were here from a distance (14th Annual Assembly, Cleveland, Tenn., Oct. 30-Nov. 4). The following figures show the number registered—836.

STATE OVERSEERS ANNOUNCED

Twenty-one state overseers were announced. However many of the states represented had only two or three churches.

My family; me that I will let God use me for His glory; my health to be restored; my wife's salvation to be restored.—Thomas M. Hunt, Pinsonfork, Ky.

My little girl to be healed of fever and some kind of spells.—Mrs. Leslie Woodard, Elmwood, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—Wm. Pulam, Narrows, Ky.

My sister-in-law to be healed; her father to get work.—Mrs. Steelburg, 946 Oglethorpe Ave., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

My body to be healed. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Mary Coleman, Rt. 1, Box 145, Sturgis, Miss.

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Question Box

Who Is Lucifer?

Please tell me about Lucifer. Was he the devil? Also about archangel Michael.—Mrs. R. B. M.

Lucifer: The name is found in Isa. 14:12, coupled with the epithet "son of the morning," and clearly signifies a bright star. In this passage it is a symbolical representation of the king of Babylon in his splendor and in his fall.

In the real and higher, since Christ is "the bright and morning star," Rev. 22:16, He was and is the Son of God. He was born of woman, died, was buried and rose again and reigns as King.

The passage in Isa. 14:12 more vividly pictures the Antichrist. As a star he is in heaven, not the heaven of heavens, but the ethereal heavens. He is prince of the power of the air, but he is cast out of his domain, as a star. Rev. 12:9.

He becomes incarnate in a king, a former world ruler who has been raised from the dead for that purpose. Isa. 14:19; Rev. 17:8. After the resurrection and incarnation this king, morning star, Antichrist becomes such a great ruler that all the world wonders after him. He inaugurates the great tribulation, but finally goes into perdition. After comparing Isa. 14; Rev. 12, 13, 17 and 2 Thess. 2, it is our conviction that Lucifer is a symbol of the Antichrist.

Michael: "One," or the first of the chief princes or archangels. Dan. 10:13; Jude 9; Dan. 10:21. He seemed to stand as a prince of Israel and for Israel. Since the Antichrist is also Antigod and persecutes the chosen people of God, it is only reasonable that Michael would fight the war against the dragon. Rev. 12:7. As a prince he prevails and triumphs over the dragon.

Rev. Joseph Terlizzi in Revival at Cleveland, Tenn.

The Church of God at North Cleveland is in a revival with Rev. Joseph Terlizzi of Los Angeles, Calif. doing the preaching. Brother Terlizzi is delivering some wonderful messages and we are looking forward to a successful revival. Friday night, Oct. 27, Brother Terlizzi held a healing service which was wonderful. Many were blessed and some were definitely touched and healed. Thank God. The power of God fell and there was shouting and rejoicing. We are expecting the Lord to continue to bless throughout the revival and that many souls will be won for Him.—Cletta Walker.

NOTICES

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To the ministers and churches in Michigan: Our ministers' meeting will convene at the West Flint church Nov. 6, 7. The first session will begin at 7:00 p. m. on the 6th.—E. O. Kerce, overseer of Michigan.

Pennsylvania's ministers' meeting convenes in Williamsburg, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 9, 10, inclusive, beginning at 1:00 p. m. Thursday. It is necessary that all ministers in the state attend.—Paul H. Walker, state overseer.

If anyone knows the address of Lula Palmer, please send it to me.—P. W. Hackney, Rt. 2, Blountsville, Ala.

To the ministry and laity of Georgia: I want to express my sincere heartfelt appreciation for the privilege I have had in working with you the last three years. We are also very thankful to God who has blessed our labors together and given the increase.

Now we go to our new appointment as state overseer in Tennessee with a prayer that God will continue to bless the work in Georgia under the able leadership of your new overseer, Earl P. Paulk. I feel like the appointing board gave Georgia first-class consideration and appointed as your overseer one of our best men. Brother Paulk expects to make a get-acquainted tour over the state, beginning at an early date. He also expects to get busy with plans for the state paper as soon as he can get moved and straightened up. Being new in the state and with the ever-increasing responsibility upon an overseer, it will be necessary for Brother Paulk to have a secretary which will add to his expenses. The tithes have paid my allowance and expenses this year, but with this added expense I would advise the churches to give Brother Paulk an offering when he comes to see you. The mission board this year will be composed of H. L. Whittington, G. R. Watson and Brother Paulk. State Treasurer is L. H. Rickerson, 1918 State St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga.

May the blessings of God forever rest upon the good people in Georgia.—John C. Jernigan, your former overseer.

To whom it may concern: My address for this Assembly year will be Soddy, Tenn., Gen. Del.—A. J. Swift.

To the ministers of South Carolina: My precious ministers and coworkers in the Church of God in South Carolina, greetings in Jesus' precious name. Having been appointed state overseer to work with you this year, I am already greatly encouraged by the pleasant way I am being initiated by your former and precious overseer, Rev. A. V. Beaubé, and so far, all the

ministers, members and friends whom I have met since returning to the state in this new capacity.

When you read this article, the dear Lord permitting, I will be far on my way visiting all the district churches in an effort to contact all the pastors and ministers in every district to be of any possible service needed and talk with you about this year's work preparatory to our state ministers' meeting which will convene at Columbia, Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7:00 p. m. We are expecting either, or both we hope, our General or Assistant General Overseer and we trust some out-of-state visitors to be with us.

I am hopeful that our preparatory work for the state meeting will enable us to expedite all necessary business essential to the program of a progressive and successful Assembly year's work in such a short time as to permit us to hear special messages and have a few good square meals from our heavenly Father's table.

Remember the place—Columbia; the time—November 8, 7:00 p. m. Those invited and expected—all ministers—then any and all members and friends who desire to attend.—J. D. Bright, 116 Tremont Ave., Greenville, S. C.

To whom it may concern: My address is changed from Candler, N. C. to Box 78, Lexington, N. C.—D. H. Delk.

This is to notify the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's of the Big Spring, Tex. district that we will have a Y. P. E. and Sunday School rally at Sweetwater, Tex., Nov. 12. Everybody is welcome. Those on the district, especially your leaders, are expected to be there with your report and some kind of program, songs, poems, etc. Come on, Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools, LET'S HAVE A REAL DAY. Brother Smithers is our district pastor for the coming year. We believe him to be a real man of God and a Y. P. E. and Sunday School booster. Anyone needing our help, just let us know. We will be glad to assist you in any way we can. That is what we are in this work for.—Your district superintendent, Mrs. J. D. Briggs, 1002 W. 3rd, Big Spring, Tex.

To whom it may concern. My address is changed from Carlsbad, N. Mex. to 205 S. Morris St., Hobbs, N. Mex.—W. M. Ford.

To all who may be concerned: I take this means of notifying you that I have taken the pastoral work at Marion, S. C. This being the case, it will be impossible for me to travel as I have done. To you who desire me to pray for you, it will be necessary for you to send me the round trip expenses, or if you would come to me here prepared to stay two or three days, it would be best. To you who would come, be prepared to take care of your

lodging, as my home is not sufficient to accommodate your needs. I have found that when the sick and crippled come in a hurry they fail sometimes to get the desired results, as when they can be instructed for a night or two.

Sister Tildy Sutton of Cosby, Tenn. had not walked in twelve years, suffering with paralysis. She came to me the second time and walked away. Today she is a living witness to the mighty healing power of God. If you will have the same determination to obtain your healing as Brother C. W. Crowder of Corbin, Ky., who was unable to be carried and put in a car but had to be brought to the service by the undertaker and rolled into the service in a carriage, when prayed for by the writer walked out of the church, carrying his pillars with him, you will be healed. If you will make the effort to come, you too may receive the same benefits. Should any of you desire to come to me, the church is located on Charleston Street. My home address is 330 Bond St., Marion, S. C.

We began a revival Oct. 29. All of the neighboring churches are invited to come and help us in this battle for the lost. The revival will run indefinitely. We solicit the prayers of all that God will give us a great ingathering of souls.—L. G. Rouse.

To those desiring to write me, my address for the Assembly year is Gen. Del., Demorest, Ga.—C. A. Culpepper.

To whom it may concern: My address is now Empire, Ala.—Oliver O. Philen.

To those it may concern: My address for the year is Box 22, Dora, Ala.—W. M. Wood.

Geo. Ditzler is no longer clerk of the Church of God at Reamstown, Pa. The new clerk's address is Emerson E. Gehman, R. F. D. 1, Reinholds, Pa.—Geo. Ditzler.

Our temporary address is Box 656, Maud, Okla. The state overseer's quota of tithes for the month of October up to and including the 22nd for New Mexico and Colorado shall be sent to me at the above address. The Oklahoma and Kansas quotas from the 22nd on shall also be sent to me at the same address.

We are covering our new work as fast as possible and mean to visit each church as quickly as we can get around. We will be glad to hear from all the ministers and church clerks who are in our field of labor, also any others who are contemplating working in either state—Oklahoma or Kansas. We will cooperate with and assist you in every way we can. Very soon we will announce a place and date for a state ministers' meeting in each of the two named states. Watch for it.—S. J. Wood,

state overseer of Oklahoma and Kansas.

The Church of God at Decatur, Ala. is on the air twice weekly over radio station WMSL, Decatur, Ala., 1370 kilocycles, Sunday 8:45 a. m. and Monday 4:30 p. m., conducted by A. H. Batts, pastor.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO THE PREACHERS OF TENNESSEE

The state ministers' meeting for the state of Tennessee will be held at the new church at East Chattanooga on Nov. 7-8, beginning Tuesday a. m. at 9:00 o'clock. A special council to the state overseer is asked to meet on Monday, the 6th, at 6:30 p. m. This council is to be composed of B. L. Alford of Memphis, R. E. Blackwood of Nashville, E. E. Winters of Chattanooga, E. M. Tapley of Knoxville, and W. L. Wilemon of Kingsport.—John C. Jernigan, state overseer of Tennessee.

Impressions of My First Bishops' Council

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the Lord blessed us, whereof we are glad."

Editor's Note: Brother Terlizzi is a great preacher. He was born in Italy but came to this country at the age of six years. He began preaching at the age of nineteen and has been in the Pentecostal way since 1911. He has recently come to us from the Assemblies of God. His ministry is proving a great blessing to the Church of God.

Holy Steps

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ye LOVE one another."

"I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

A Christian who is in step daily by Jesus' side is entirely SEPARATED from the world. The devil is taking the NOT out of this scripture and having it to read thus, "Be conformed to this world." If Church members are like the world in their principles and practices it can never change the world, that is the Church or the members who compose it. But thank the Lord, this HOLY step in walking with Jesus means just this: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." The cunning devices of the devil can't change God's Word. It will read forever:

"BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD: (fashioned according) but be ye transformed (changed) by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and PERFECT, will of God." Rom. 12:2.

1 Kings 8:25, "There shall not fail thee a man in thy sight to sit on the throne of Israel; so that they WALK before me as thou hast walked before me."

Isa. 35:9 speaks of the joyful flourishing of Christ's kingdom, and says: "The redeemed shall WALK there."

After Paul was gloriously saved, called to the apostleship, etc., he preached Christ boldly. Notice Acts 9:31: "Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and WALKING in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the HOLY GHOST, were multiplied."

Paul tells us in the 8th chapter of Romans that they who are in Christ are free from condemnation, "Walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit. To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." In these last days, as Jude says, mockers are walking after their own ungodly lusts.

The Apostle Paul in writing to the Church at Thessalonica says in 2 Thess. 3:6: "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that WALKETH disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us."

Brethren and sisters in Christ, let us live HOLY by being faithful until death. As John was commanded to write to the church in Sardis, Rev. 3:4, 5, "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall WALK with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment, and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."

"FOLLOW HIS STEPS." True saints of God, who have been washed in the precious blood of the Lamb, go about their daily walks of life with PURE and HOLY TALKING. They are ever ACTIVE by stepping onward and upward, as well as helping others to a higher acclivity. They are DRESSED in modest apparel wherever they go. True saints of God are WALKING daily by the Savior's side in true HOLINESS, being entirely separated from indulgence or lusting after the world and sin.

Mission Page

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had saved him and called him to work in his native land of Mexico, to lead others to Christ. He had started a Bible School which, since, has been the means of training hundreds of young men and women for the ministry. How wonderfully the Lord is working, pouring out His Spirit upon all lands, preparing all peoples for His soon coming! All the delegates from Mexico, including Brother and Sister Ingram and Sister Atkinson and her son, Brother Atkinson from Western Mexico, sang in Spanish.

We also took part in this beautiful

service to bring greetings from our brothers and sisters who have found the Lord in Haiti. Sister Eupena, the native worker with us, gave a short testimony expressing her appreciation to the Mission Board and to the brothers and sisters in the United States for having sent the gospel message to her country. She sang in French and then in English that chorus of adoration and worship—"I Love Him Better Every Day." Sister Raymonde, our missionary from France who has been so faithfully and efficiently helping in our work in Haiti, told how the Lord had called her to work for Him in Haiti. After I had spoken briefly on our happiness to be back home in the great family of The Church of God, Sister Kluzit gave a message on "The Need of Prayer for the Missionaries." Many times when we had been in difficulties in Haiti this past year, the Lord had put the burden of prayer for us on someone back home. God had answered these prayers and delivered us. Praise His holy name!

These wonderful experiences of the 34th Annual Assembly will certainly live on to encourage us to persevere in faith, to fight against Satan and his power of evil, and to put our whole trust in the living God whose salvation we are carrying to those millions still in darkness in heathen lands.

The Quiet Hour

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"Watch ye therefore and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man." "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation (tribulation) which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation (tribulation) be overpast." "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Praise Him!

Special Notice

I am one hundred per cent Church of God and not afraid of hard places. Sister Nettie Morris and I are now devoting our full time to evangelistic work. We prefer work in Florida but will go to any state into which we should be called. For reference I give Odis Smith, Walhalla, S. C. and C. E. McAbee, Greer, S. C. We are ready for service and will arrange an appointment with you at your request. Write us at the following address.—Miss Thelma Stephens, Star Rt., Dacusville, S. C.



Another Victory

We praise and thank God for what He has done in the state of Arkansas. Brother Henry, Sister Brazell and I went to Stuttgart, Ark., the last of April for a revival. There was no Church of God there but we went with the motive in mind that there would soon be one. Not many nights after we had started someone prophesied that we were not going to have a revival and even said that there wasn't going to be anyone saved. We kept praying, our crowds got larger, the power began to fall, and by the time we closed the meeting nineteen had been saved, some sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise God for old time, heart-felt, sin-killing, soul-saving salvation that you can stand for in the face of opposition.

On the 14th day of May, a church was set in order with twenty-one members and now they have twenty-eight. Eight were baptized in water and later six were baptized.

We felt that God would have us pastor the work so we did. On the 4th day of July we purchased a lot and paid cash for it and by 9:00 o'clock that morning the first nail was driven. That was the beginning of what is now a pretty 30x50 building, standing for the glory of God.

We thank the Lord for helping us and, brother, if you feel that God would have you go to a new field to work this year, go to Arkansas. It is a wonderful field of opportunity for those who really love the cause of God.

Brother Henry has done a wonderful work in that state and the Arkansas folks appreciate him. He is a fine man with whom to work. May the Lord bless the faithful workers of that state this year.—George Brazell, c/o Bible School, Sevierville, Tenn.

CHATTAROY, W. Va.—I thank the good Lord for sending Brother Med Roberts and his good wife and Brother Jack McCoy to Chattaroy for a revival. The revival just closed with eleven saved, ten sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost and six baptized in water. God wonderfully blessed in the services and the house was packed every night. Conviction was on many; God dealt with the people in a great way. The communion service and feet washing was administered to the saints of God and He put His approval on the service by pouring out His Spirit upon the saints of God. We are praying for God to keep His hand on Brother Roberts, to bless him in his evangelistic work and to send him and his

wife back sometime for another revival. Pray for us.—E. B. Varney, clerk, Box 634.

The Work Is Done

SODDY, Tenn.—Dear Evangel readers, I am glad I can say I am one of them. I am saved, sanctified and have the sweet Holy Ghost. I praise God for it.

About five years ago I took sick and it just seemed like I would never be up any more. The doctor said I had T. B. I weighed 107 pounds at that time; now I weigh 200 pounds. I promised God if He would let me get well and get up I would work for Him. Praise His holy name, the work is done.

This morning I still have a desire in my heart to go all the way with Him. I know

if I miss heaven I have missed everything. Pray for me that God will make me completely well and have His way in my life.—Mrs. Archie Carlisle, Rt. 2.

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